

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Examiner's Amendment***

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin H. Vanderleeden on 27 May 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Claim 14, line 8: After the phrase "twisting path"

**INSERTED:** --, and wherein said twisting together starts between said meshing toothed surfaces--

Claim 15:

**DELETED**

Claim 16, line 1:

**DELETED:** "claim 15"

**INSERTED:** --claim 14--

Claim 17, line 10: After the phrase "twisting path"

**INSERTED:** --, and wherein said twisting together starts between said meshing toothed surfaces--

*Allowable Subject Matter*

2. Claims 14 and 16-26 are allowed.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shaun R. Hurley whose telephone number is (571) 272-4986. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Welch can be reached on (571) 272-4996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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